

DISPATCH**SECRET**

TO	Chief of Base, Berlin	EGG	SEARCHED FOR REFERENCES
INFO	Chief, EE; Chief, CSB, Frankfurt; Chief, Bonn Operations Base	EGD	NO INDEXING REQUIRED
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SUBJECT	CASTLE Check of Berlin Document Center Records		
ACTION REQUIRED - REFERENCES			
<p>REFS: A. EGM-07224, dated 17 September 1965</p> <p>B. EGBA-10744, dated 13 October 1965</p> <p>38</p> <p>1. In response to request in Ref. B, the following additional information concerning the involvement of the student body of the Police Officers Schools at Berlin/Charlottenburg and Puersternberg/Necklendorf in SIFO and SD operations in Poland in September 1939 has been provided by alias CASTROF:</p> <p>a. The operational group engaged at the outbreak of the war in Poland in September 1939 was the so-called SIFO and SD Operational Group with the 14th Army (Einsatzgruppe s.b.V. der Polizei und SD bei der 14. Armee).</p> <p>b. This operational group was commanded by the SS-Obergruppenführer <u>Ido von JONASCH</u> (born 24 July 1895 in Schwaneitz), and was activated on 3 September 1939. It was composed of four battalions of Ordnungspolizei under the command of the SIFO Colonel, Dr. <u>JOLSTED</u> and a 350-man Special SIFO Detachment under SS Oberführer, Dr. <u>Otto RASCH</u> (born on 7 December 1891 in Friedrichshagen). The Special SIFO Detachment was recruited from the student body of the Police Officer School in Berlin/Charlottenburg, whose commanding officer was Brigadeführer <u>Otto HELLMANN</u> (born on 14 February 1894 in Nordhausen) as well as from the student body of the Puersternberg/Necklendorf Police School, whose commanding officer was one SS-Oberführer <u>THOMPSON</u>. <u>HELLMANN</u>'s Deputy at the time was Kriminalrat <u>SEIBSCHNE</u> (born on 7 June 1902 in Bamberg on 14 February 1906 in Appertal).</p> <p>(continued)</p> <p>Distribution:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Chief, Berlin - Chief, EE - Chief, CSB, Frankfurt - Chief, Bonn Ops Base <p>GROUP I EXCLUDED FROM AUTOMATIC DOWNGRADING AND DECLASSIFICATION</p> <p>32W-2-20</p>			
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c. Others who served in the Special SIPO Detachment were:

- (Dr.) BARTMAN Fritz, born 11 Sept. 1901 in Torgelow/Pomm
- (Dr.) BARTIS Frau, born 17 Sept. 1911 in Zerst cr 2 March 1906
in Weide
- HACK Heinrich, born 7 October 1905 in Veltheim/Weser
- JOHNER Kurt, born 25 March 1907 in Riedling
- Dr. KROEMER Hans, born 10 Sept. 1907 in Bamberg/Rhein
- KOENIG Alfred, born 27 Sept. 1914 in Lueck
- KUSCHEL Frau, born 16 February 1902 in Schapitz or 11 Dec. 1902
in Danzig
- SCHLIDE Frau, born 9 March 1896 in Viehrenbach or 25 Aug. 1913
in Konstanz
- SCHRODT Albert, born 6 May 1899 in Zeppenfeld or 16 Nov. 1918
in Allersberg
- SPICKENHAUER Heinrich, born 25 Feb. 1910 in Hirschfelde
- STETTEL Josef, born 1 June 1910 in Salzburg
- WEIMANN Frau, born 5 Aug. 1906 in Plettenberg or 1 Sept. 1909
in Seesen/Harz
- WISSIG Theodor, born 4 Feb. 1907 in Bad Ruzlin/Pomm
- WILKINZ Georg, born 30 March 1912 in Preist
- WITKOWSKI Heinrich, born 2 June 1902 in Kempten/Bay
- ZERNER Eugen, born 29 Dec. 1912 in Peine.

d. CASTROP has requested that the Berlin Document Center make every effort, on the basis of the additional information provided above, to provide answers to the following:

a. When and from what organization the individuals listed above were transferred into the operational group under von WITTSCH;

b. Where and for how long they were operationally engaged in Poland and into what organization they were assigned after serving in Poland. (Since, according to CASTROP's information, most members of the von WITTSCH Operational Group are believed to have been attached to Stapostelle Kutnowitz in September or October 1939, he expressed his particular interest in learning when and to what other Stapo or Kripo organizations any of the individuals listed above may have been detached or transferred after service in Stapostelle Kutnowitz.)

3. CASTROP states that he can appreciate the amount of work that may be involved on the part of the BDC staff in efforts to track down the information called for. He has indicated, however, that any information that may be forthcoming will be of considerable value to CATIE in the pursuance of investigations of several important security cases involving persons suspected of having been involved in war crimes committed in Poland as members of the operational group under discussion. CASTROP has stressed again that this matter has been assigned a high priority within CATIE. Accordingly, an early response will be most appreciated.

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4. The only identifiable Munich traces on any of the individuals listed above are the following:

a. VORTERL, Josef - ECMA-23135, dated 1 April 1957 requesting HDC traces; ECMA-41856 dated 29 May 1957 forwarding HDC trace results.

b. WILDZIO, Georg - ECMA-64870 dated 14 July 1964 requesting HDC traces for CATIEB; ECMA-8264 dated 21 August 1964 forwarding HDC trace results.

c. KOTTER, Eugen - ECMA-67267 dated 1 October 1965 requesting HDC traces for CATIEB.

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